For Canadian Ports Next mail, July 29.

Detective Department Charges Tom Saffery With Extortion and Will Turn Him Over to Federal Officials-Accused of Victimizing Frightened Women at Night

Organized blackmail through a gang of bold ruffians operating at night is believed by the police to have been exposed and the ringleader caught on Saturday afternoon.

The arrest of Tom Saffery, clerk for a local draying company, on Saturday afternoon, as the result of a woman's quick wit and courage is expected to stop the operations of the gang in victimizing innocent men and women frightened into the belief that they are to be made the center of sensational notoriety.

Territory Pays Bishop Estate

Through the purchase by the terri-

tory of 9285 square feet from the Bishop estate on Punchbowl and King streets waikiki of the present judiciary

building, one more step toward the fruition of the proposed civic center in

the vicinity of the territorial group

While the value of the lend as placed by the Oahu board of apprais-

Other pieces of land which the ter

ritory hopes to secure in the opening up of the civic center section are

sale at auction at an upset price of

The Hawaiian Electric Company

of other holdings on King street.

has been taken.

ed it for \$50

\$5000 for 9285 Square

Saffery was charged with extortion and his case was to have come up today in police court but was continued until Friday when he asked for time to secure an attorney.

In the meantime Captain of Detec-tives McDuffle has laid the case before City Attorney Brown and is to make a full report on it to U. S. Attorney Huber. It is probable, McDuffle said today, that the local prosecution will be dropped and Saffery will be turned over to the federal authorities on the charge of imperson-ating a federal officer. This is one of the accusations against him.

For weeks the police have been get-ing occasional reports that the black-nailing gang was at work, principally long the beach roads. Their method, along the beach roads. Their method, as McDuffie told it this morning, was simple and bold in the extreme, but they relied on the fact that their victims invariably shrunk from the unwelcome publicity that would follow an attempt to expose the unscrupulous operators. It has been impossible heretofore, says McDuffie, to get ice on any man or men.

watch for parties, usually in autos, which included married women or married men. They would trail such parties to the homes of the men or street in the vicinity of the Ables n—usually women were the vic-and awalt an opportunity to at their extortionate demands. files at the land office, the Bishop a opportunity, finding the woman estate wrote to the territory giving

might be, such an accusation accomplished its object. The

(Continued on page three)

News of the death of Mrs. Cutherin ram yesterday from Esco-ido, near San Diego, Cal. Mrs. Par-iled in her 89th year and is survive by three children. Two daughter Mrs. H. L. Kerr of this city and Mr

hey conducted a private school and ave lessons in music, painting and anguages. Mrs. Paris was the widow of the late Thomas Hudson Paris, who

the late Thomas Hudson Paris, who lied at San Diego in 1891.

The deceased endeared herself to many of the old-time Honolulans and those who have survived her will sarn with deep regret that at this advanced stage in life she has been called to the beyond.

Mrs. Paris was a sister of Christofer Lewers, who, with Mr. Dixon, founded the firm of Lewers & Dixon, now Lewers & Cooke. Mr. Lewers of that firm is a countn, as was the late Mrs. James A. Hopper. mes A. Hopper.

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JAPAN STATESMAN IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WORK



Viscount Motono, minister of foreign affairs in the Japanese

# Slayer Says

(Associated Press by U. S. Haval Communi BOLOGNA, Italy, June 25 .- Alfredo Cocchi, confessed slayer of little Ruth Cruger of New York, told the pol today a strange story regarding the

"I never say the Cruger girl until she brought in her skates to be sharp ened," he declared. "She did all is her power to attract attention. When she came for the skates her attrac-tion for me was overpowering. After that everything was like a dream. I did not intend to kill her."

# appraised as follows: Castle & Cooke, \$46,000; J. B. Atherton estate, \$20,000; Allen & Robinson, \$14,967; Long estate, \$17,676. Total approximately \$106,640. Still another step in the civic center idea will be made on July 2 when the Esplanade lots are offered for sale at another step of the civic center idea will be made on July 2 when the Esplanade lots are offered for sale at another step in the civic center idea will be made on July 2 when the Esplanade lots are offered for sale at another step in the civic center idea will be made on July 2 when the Esplanade lots are offered for sale at another step in the civic center idea will be made on July 2 when the Esplanade lots are offered for sale at another step in the civic center idea.

TOKIO, Japan, June 25.—The Japa-nese government has presented a bill to parliament, calling for a suspension-of the subsidy for steamship lines. Ac-While it has been generally supposed that the Hawaiian Electric Company, Limited, adjoining the lots, cording to the administration, the steamship companies have made much money during the past few years, and would be the only bidders, Walter A. Engle, acting commissioner of public lands, stated today that another party has made inquiry about the lands and that tracings from the office have it is believed that the subsidy is not

Inasmuch as the governmental par ty has a majority in parliament it is believed the bill will be passed. The The target from many distances. has already offered \$90,000 for the believed the bill will be passed. The land, this being the standard on the land board at a recent meet-be affected by this law if passed. ing figured the upset price. The sale Whether or not this will mean a raise will be the biggest made for a long in freight rates cannot be told at this time by the territorial office, and it time. The N. Y. K. has a line to is understood that the money from Europe, while the other two lines have the land will go toward the purchase steamers plying between Japan, Honolulu and San Francisco.

# BEGIN "DRIVE" ON THE GOVERNORSHIP

ndorsement of McCandless and Bryan is First Open Move to Block Reappointment of Pinkham—Huber and Trent Support Resolution on Ground That it is Action by Party Representatives

A Democratic "drive" to block the reappointment of Governor L. E.

Pinkham, and secure another as executive, was launched Saturday afternoon at the party luau in the skating rink, Fort street.

By unanimous acclaim the 1500 or more Democrats present adopted a resolution, passed at a meeting of the territorial central committee on June 14, naming L. L. McCandless and Prof. W. A. Bryan as being equally favorable to the Bourbone for appointment as governor.

The resolution was read by U. S. Attorney S. C. Huber and copies will be forwarded to the President and other proper officials in Washington, As a forerunner of this resolution

the central committee on June 16 sent

President Wilson the following cable-

payments on the pledges for the \$100,000 fund may be made on July 2, 1917, January 1, 1918, and July 1, 1918, as stated in the orisinal canvass.

This statement is made be cause the reading of the call for the first payment might lead people to believe that the whole pledge is expected at once. The committee will of course be pleased to receive at any time the domnitons in full but there has been no deviation in the plane of the committee from the original scheme.

District Attorney Huber said today there said today there was no special significance in his reading of the resolution. He said that the procedure being held equivalent to skimming milk, which is prohibit to know the will of the people of Hawaii as regards the appointment of a governor. He says he has not been asked by Washington to report on this situation, nor has he made any report to Attorney General Gregory, his own chief.

Huber Explaine Position

TWO CANDIDATES TARDY.

At noon today all the candidates of the general election have filed their expense accounts except Sheriff Charles Rose and John Markham. Ben Hollinger filed his today amounting

## "WATERED MILK" PROBE STARTED BY U. S. OFFICE

Investigation of several cases of adulterated or "watered" milk is occupying a portion of the time of the federal food commissioner's office, the probe being brought about by complaints that have been made during the last three or four days.

The commissioner's office reports that several dairymen have been al-

the general election have filed their expense accounts except Sheriff Charles Rose and John Markham. Ben Hollinger filed his today amounting keeper. Warden Osborne dismissed

Limitation of Excise Tax Desired—Possibility That House Will Cut Out Senate's Entire Plan, Leaving Only "Drawback" Provision

By C. S. ALBERT (Special Star-Bulletin Gorrespondence)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 11.—Sugar producers o Hawaii are urged to cooperate with those of Louisiana in all matters relating to the product and the pending revenue bill. It is held that their interests are identical in the long run.

This is the advice of Senator Broussard, who is leading the fight to obtain the last degree of protection for cane grow ers. He is confident of success, but realizes that the fight is not vet won. His success in suspending the "drawback" provision of the Underwood-Simmons act has created a sanguine feeling. The fight is now being concentrated on the excise tax feature. It is contended that a limitation of its application to bone-black sugar would be satisfactory all around. If this limitation cannot be secured Senator Broussard has a last card up his sleeve. He will not spring this until the favorable moment arrives.

It is the plan of Senator Broussard to offer another amendment, classifying the excise tax. This will not be done unless the bone black amend-ment finally is rejected.

It is proposed to divide the excise levy into four taxes. The excise tax on domino and lump sugars would be raised to one cent on bone-black re-fined sugars to three-fourths of one cent; leave the tax on washed sugars at one-half cent; and impose a tax

of one-fourth cent on molasses sug-ars, or second and thirds.

If it is found impossible to carry this proposition through the finance committee and the senate, it is the confident opinion of those friendly to sugar that the house will eliminate bill by the senate, carrying with it + intimated in instructions to Mar-+ not only the excise tax on sugar but that on coffee and tea. This would leave nothing of the senate changes except suspension of the drawback provision of existing law. It is be-deved on all sides that this will re-main a part of the use bill.

In the first attempt on the part of a land force to repel a landing party from a warship, C Battery of the 9th Field Artillery in a trial today at Na-nahulf, smashed a target at a distance of 4700 yards. Capt. Henry Kilbourne, Jr., was in command of the battery. The practise was witnessed by Gen. Frederick S. Strong, Gen. Charles Treat and Col. John E. McMahon, who ommands the 9th Field Artillery.

A large crowd gathered to watch the trials. In all 53 shots were fired tance of 7500 yards, and on the twentieth shot, which was at a distance of 4700 yards, the target was completely destroyed. Another target was then put in place. Shrapnel was used in firing over the

target, and worked satisfactorily. The guns left Schoffeld mounted on motor tractors, arriving at the trial point, 21 miles away, in a short space of time. The guns used were 4.7-inch, of the type used in the artillery. The trial was made to ascertain the worth of these guns in repelling a naval

### **NEW YORK STOCK** MARKET TODAY Satur

ERECH LAND	Today.	
Alaska Gold		5%
American Smelter	108%	108%
American Sugar Rfg	120%	1203/4
American Tel. & Tel	123%	122%
Anaconda Copper	8356	831/2
Atchison	10156	101
Baldwin Loco	73%	7234
Baltimore & Ohio	74	-1731/2
Bethlehem Steel	at	a141
	1411/2	b1421/2
Calif. Petroleum	20	*20
Canadian Pacific		*1601/2
C., M. & St. P. (St. Paul)		*75
Colo. Fuel & Iron	531/0	531/2
Crucible Steel		843/4
Erie Common	263/4	261/2
General Electric	1621/2	160%
General Motors, New		119
Great Northern Pfd		1071/4
Inter. Harv., N. J.		İ
Kennecott Copper		45%
Lehigh R. R	·661/2	653%
New York Central		97
Pennsylvania	531/4	*527/8
Ray Consol	281/2	
Ray Consol.	981/2	
Reading Common	947/2	941/4
Southern Pacific	821/2	841/2
Studebaker		2151/4
Texas Oil	1381/8	
Union Pacific	130/8	1371/a
U. S. Steel		
Utah	110%	1111/2
Western Union		92
Westinghouse		523/4
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That the attorney general's of-+ fice in Washington, D. C., had ex-+ wait for military service would + + shal J. J. Smiddy to have the ar + rests of all "slackers" completed + year, if possible. The marshal also was request-

+ ed to complete by the end of this + month the arrest of all German or secure parmits to reside or do
business in the local restricted
areas, or who had failed to turn
in all firearms as required under
an order received here some

weeks ago. Marshal Smiddy anticipates lit. + tle, if any trouble, as regards the + registration of German aliens, + and the surrendering of firearms. More than 150 permits have been issued to date and it is believed that practically all firearms have + been collected.

## New Ministry; U. S. Note Aids

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20 .- The U. S. state department today felt increased confidence over the situation in China. The legation at Peking re ports that the note from President Wilson, urging the Chinese to compose their internal dissensions and uphold the republic, has had a beneficial

A new ministry has been formed, and the reconstruction of the government is proceeding at a rapid rate.

## **Woman Pays \$50** For Mishandling **Stars and Stripes**

It cost Mrs. Helen Jones \$50 to mishandle the Stars and Stripes. Mrs. Jones was found guilty in police court Saturday of desecrating the American flag on King street in Kaiihi, near Puuhale road, May 24. The complainant was Mrs. John Baker.

The story is that Mrs. Baker's flag dropped from her flagpole on to a flower bed in Mrs. Jones' yard. Thinking the flag would tear up the plants if it were pulled off, Mrs. Jones cut the lanyard at either end. There was no particular objection to this, but it was charged that she then threw the flag in the street, although she claims to have laid it on the hedge.

A boy named Seabury, who was both deaf and dumb, made a strong witness in the case. His? mother interprated for him with the sign language.

## MASS INFLUENCE TO GET MEASURE THROUGH EARLY

## Herbert C. Hoover Ready to Begin Administration of Law as Soon as Passed

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communication Service.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25.—Arrangements were made by the senate today to rush through the food control bill and get it to conference, if it is changed from the form passed by the house, or into the president's hands at once if there

The president has let it be known that he is anxious for the bill to pass. He believes that the government should now have the power of controlling the distribution and sale of food in the country.

Herbert C. Hoover, the "food dictator," is ready to begin administration of the law when it is passed and urges that the country prepare itself for discipline in the matter of food consumption.

## War Front Quiet; French Hold Fast

The Associated Press summary of today's developments in he war-zone says:

"The British front was active principally with raiding parties today.

"There is a lull along the Aisne line.

"The French front has remained intact at Vaux Aillon, ;+ pected that registration in Ha. + despite the bloody attempts of the German crown prince to batter in the positions with the weight of men and guns."

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, June 25.—Recent rainfall is + by June 30, the end of the fiscal + aiding Germany's crops, which have been burning up under a fierce midsummer sun, according to news received here. Much damage was done by the heat and by fires.

## British Steamer Sinks a Submarine

AN ATLANTIC PORT, June 25 .- A British steamer arriving here today brings news of a successful fight with a submarine. The naval gun crew on the British vessel sent their shells home on the submarine's hull at a range of five miles the shells penetrating to the magazine. An explosion followed and the attacking diver sunk. The fight took place 400 miles from Ireland.

NEW YORK, N. Y., June 25 .- The schooner Rebecca Palmer, damaged by shells from a submarine in Irish waters was laid up here today.

## More Sinn Fein Rioting Breaks Out

CORK, Ireland, June 25.-Riots took place here today in which several were killed and a dozen wounded, the Sinn Feiners making the disturbance. The police were helpless and troops were called out to quell the disorders.

# SLAVS BECAUSE OF TRAFFIC TIE-UI

A cablegram from the Japanese vostok, where they begin their over government requesting him to advise Honolulu Russians who desire to return to their country now, to wait until further instructions are received from His Imperial Japanese Majesty's government has been received from Tokio by Dr. Augustus Marques, consul for Russia. No reason for the request is con-

tained in the cablegram. Dr. Mar- The mistake was a clerical error on ques said today there are several hundred Russians who want to return to their homes now that Russia is a republic instead of an empire. The order is believed to be due to

the congestion in Japan caused by thousands of Russians who are re- the United States between 18 and 45 turning to Russia via Yokohama, and must enlist. He has to date received are so numerous that they cannot be no official or unofficial confirmation given quick transportation to Vladi- of the report.

### JAPANESE FOUND DEAD IN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Sugimatu Naka, a Japanese employed by the Ronotulu Brewing & Malting Co., was found dead Saturday evening, caught in the door leading to the elevator shaft on the third floor of the brewery on Queen street RUSSIA HAS 'LIBERTY LOAN in Kakaako. He had a broken jaw a gash below the collar bone and other injuries. The body has been taken in charge by Deputy Sheriff Asch, who will hold an inquest tomorrow morned today. (A ruble is equivalent to ing.

It is not known how the accident occurred. Fireman Frank Yundall of FMBARGO COUNCIL CREATED

land journey by rail. The Russian consul received offi

change in the form of government from an empire to a republic. He says that an advertisement he insected recently in the newspapers con cerning the executorship of a deceased Russian should have read "Rept lic of Russia" instead of "Empire the part of the consulate staff.

No further word has been received by E. L. S. Gordon, consul for Great Britain, concerning the reported order from the British consulate general in New York that all British subjects in

## SHIP CONTRACTS LET

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 25. Contracts for ten steel and four wooden merchant vessels and 20 wooden halls were let today by Major-Gen. George W. Goethals, for delivery in 1918.

PETROGRAD, Russia, Jun 51.5 cents.)

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Communicational bank call was issued today as court Saturday by A. A. Saturday by A. Saturday WASHINGTON, D. C. June 25